

# Trauma in Virginia

## Poison

The Virginia Poison Control Network (VPCN) provides poison information and consultative services to all residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia and is comprised of the three centers listed above. They serve to decrease the morbidity, mortality and health care costs by reducing unnecessary outpatient visits and hospital admissions, as well as improve the quality of care provided to patients with accidental or self-poisoning.



2005	Virginia Poison Center/VCU	Blue Ridge Poison Center/UVA	National Capital Poison Center
Total Virginia population served by center	2,404,300	3,031,997	1,975,199
Total calls handled (Includes human and animal exposures and information calls)	26,002	28,923	22,907
Human Exposure Cases received	26,338	25,133	17,044
Number of lectures given by staff to health care professionals	69	130	127
Number of health professional trainees rotating through center	67	113	240
Number of public education/health fair presentations	122	153	n/a
Number of poison prevention packets/sets of materials distributed	413,005	1,056,520	499,839